

NUWC Biography

RADM John D. Butler
Commander



Rear Admiral John D. Butler, United States Navy, assumed command of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) on 27 July 2001. In addition to command of NUWC, Rear Admiral Butler also serves as the Deputy Commander for Undersea Technology (SEA 93) for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA).

A native of Texas City, Texas, and a 1970 graduate of Texas City High School, Rear Admiral Butler received his BS in Chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974 and his MS Acoustic Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, in 1986. He is also a graduate of: "Management Program for Executives," the Katz Graduate School of Business, University of Pittsburgh; "Professional Summer" at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and "Advanced Program Managers Course" at Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, VA.

Commissioned via the Nuclear Power Officer Candidate Program, RADM Butler reported to his first submarine, USS Will Rogers (SSBN 659), operating from Rota, Spain, in December 1975. He then reported to the Pentagon for duty as the Attack Submarine Training Head for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare).

Rear Admiral Butler returned to sea duty in June 1980 as Navigator/Operations Officer on board USS James K. Polk (SSBN 645), operating from Holy Loch, Scotland.



He conducted a split tour in October 1981, again serving as NAV/OPS on USS James Madison (SSBN 627) operating from Kings Bay, Georgia. During this tour, he completed qualification and was designated "Qualified for Command of Submarines."

In June 1984, Rear Admiral Butler was selected for lateral transfer to the Engineering Duty Officer community.

Rear Admiral Butler's Engineering Duty Officer assignments include duty as the AN/BSY-1 Submarine Combat and Acoustic System (PMS417) Chief Engineer for Program Executive Officer, Submarine Combat and Weapons Systems; Repair Officer on board the submarine tender, USS Proteus (AS-19), operating from Agana, Guam; Seawolf-class Submarine (PMS350) Assistant Program Manager (Design and Construction) for Program Executive Officer, Submarines; and as Strategic and Attack Submarines (PMS392) Major Program Manager for Naval Sea Systems Command.

He has completed additional duties attached to the Applied Physics Laboratory Ice Station, Arctic Ocean; Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Groton, CT, and Newport News, VA; and attached in support of U.S. Embassy: Cairo, Egypt; Moscow, Russia; and Panama City, Panama. In September 1998, RADM Butler reported to the Pentagon for duty as the Executive Assistant and Naval Aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition).

Rear Admiral Butler's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (2 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal, in addition to other service and unit awards.

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center operates the Navy's full-spectrum research, development, test and evaluation, engineering, and fleet support center for submarines, submarine combat systems, autonomous underwater systems, undersea ranges, and offensive and defensive weapons systems associated with undersea warfare. NUWC headquarters are in Newport, RI. The main divisions of NUWC are located in Newport and Keyport, WA. (12/01)